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Refer to: 1970100001 -- Will County  
Willow Ranch Composting Facility  
Permit No. 1989-13-DE-OP  
Log No. 1989-019  
Permit File

July 28, 1989

Land and Lakes Company  
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Park Ridge, IL 60068-0778

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Gentlemen:

Permit is hereby granted to Land and Lakes Company to develop and operate a composting facility to compost leaves and grass clippings consisting of 85 acres in the southeast quarter of Section 23, T.37N, R.10E, 3rd P.M., Will County, Illinois all in accordance with the application and plans prepared by Daniel Wierc, P.E. and Harry Morris. Final plans, specifications, application and supporting documents as submitted and approved shall constitute part of this permit and are identified on the records of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Land Pollution Control by the permit number(s) and log number(s) designated in the heading above.

The permit is issued subject to the standard conditions attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and further subject to the following special conditions:

1. This permit shall expire July 31, 1992. For the operation to continue, a reapplication for permit is required at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date.
2. Operation may not begin until completion of the development.
3. The type(s) of waste that may be composted at this facility shall be limited to leaves and grass clippings.
4. Measures shall be taken to ensure that the waste does not become wind strewn or ignited and that no provisions of the Environmental Protection Act are violated.
5. The windrows shall be turned frequently enough to prevent problems with odor and to maximize the decomposition process.
6. The operating hours for the composting unit shall be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
7. The Agency shall be notified in writing of termination of the operation. A Final Composting Report shall be submitted to the Agency, and shall include the information in the Annual report for the time elapsed since the end of the last report period.

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8. Any modification to the facility shall be the subject of an application for supplemental permit for site modification submitted to this Agency.
9. Runoff from the permitted facility shall not cause or contribute to a violation of the water quality standards contained in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302. The permittee shall implement best management practices to control runoff.
10. Permittee shall notify the Agency of any changes from the information submitted to the Agency in its application for a developmental and operating permit for this site. Permittee shall notify the Agency of any changes in the names or addresses of both beneficial and legal titleholders to the herein-permitted site. Such notification shall be made in writing within fifteen (15) days of such change and shall include the name or names of any parties in interest and the address of their place of abode; or, if a corporation, the name and address of its registered agent.
11. No permit is required for use of composted material as daily cover at a landfill.

The original and two (2) copies of all certifications, logs or reports and three (3) copies of groundwater monitoring chemical analysis forms which are required to be submitted to the Agency by the permittee should be mailed to the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Compliance Section  
Technical Compliance Unit  
Division of Land Pollution Control -- #24  
2200 Churchill Road  
Post Office Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Very truly yours,

Lawrence W. Eastep, P.E., Manager  
Permit Section  
Division of Land Pollution Control

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LWE:SAS/mls/2539k/83-84

cc: Northern Region  
Compliance Section  
Daniel Wierrec, P.E.,  
Sallie Springer  
Will County Land Use Department  
Division File

**STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT PERMITS  
ISSUED BY THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

July 1, 1979

The Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 111-1/2, Section 1039) grants the Environmental Protection Agency authority to impose conditions on permits which it issues.

These standard conditions shall apply to all permits which the Agency issues for construction or development projects which require permits under the Divisions of Water Pollution Control, Air Pollution Control, Public Water Supplies, and Land and Noise Pollution Control. Special conditions may also be imposed by the separate divisions in addition to these standard conditions.

1. Unless this permit has been extended or it has been voided by a newly issued permit, this permit will expire two years after date of issuance unless construction or development on this project has started on or prior to that date.
2. The construction or development of facilities covered by this permit shall be done in compliance with applicable provisions of Federal laws and regulations, the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, and Rules and Regulations adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board.
3. There shall be no deviations from the approved plans and specifications unless a written request for modification of the project, along with plans and specifications as required, shall have been submitted to the Agency and a supplemental written permit issued.
4. The permittee shall allow any agent duly authorized by the Agency upon the presentation of credentials:
  - a. to enter at reasonable times the permittee's premises where actual or potential effluent, emission or noise sources are located or where any activity is to be conducted pursuant to this permit.
  - b. to have access to and copy at reasonable times any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit.
  - c. to inspect at reasonable times, including during any hours of operation of equipment constructed or operated under this permit, such equipment or monitoring methodology or equipment required to be kept, used, operated, calibrated and maintained under this permit.

- d. to obtain and remove at reasonable times samples of any discharge or emission of pollutants.
  - e. to enter at reasonable times and utilize any photographic, recording, testing, monitoring or other equipment for the purpose of preserving, testing, monitoring, or recording any activity, discharge, or emission authorized by this permit.
5. The issuance of this permit:
- a. shall not be considered as in any manner affecting the title of the premises upon which the permitted facilities are to be located;
  - b. does not release the permittee from any liability for damage to person or property caused by or resulting from the construction, maintenance, or operation of the proposed facilities;
  - c. does not release the permittee from compliance with other applicable statutes and regulations of the United States, of the State of Illinois, or with applicable local laws, ordinances and regulations;
  - d. does not take into consideration or attest to the structural stability of any units or parts of the project;
  - e. in no manner implies or suggests that the Agency (or its officers, agents or employees) assumes any liability, directly or indirectly, for any loss due to damage, installation, maintenance, or operation of the proposed equipment or facility.
6. Unless a joint construction/operation permit has been issued, a permit for operating shall be obtained from the Agency before the facility or equipment covered by this permit is placed into operation.
7. These standard conditions shall prevail unless modified by special conditions.
8. The Agency may file a complaint with the Board for modification, suspension or revocation of a permit:
- a. upon discovery that the permit application contained misrepresentations, misinformation or false statements or that all relevant facts were not disclosed; or
  - b. upon finding that any standard or special conditions have been violated; or
  - c. upon any violation of the Environmental Protection Act or any Rule or Regulation effective thereunder as a result of the construction or development authorized by this permit.